

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

January 24, 2013

7:00PM

Iowa County – Mineral Point City Hall – Mineral Point, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth and Koopmans of Green County and Lindholm of Iowa County. Absent: Williams of Green County and Shea of Lafayette County.

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

The Tri-County Trail Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Gerald Heimann.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Ms. Krahenbuhl verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses and the Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County and Lafayette County website. Mr. Heimann declared a legal meeting of the Tri-County Trail Commission.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the minutes as written of the December 27, 2012 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, update and possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Guth reported that he will be doing a radio interview with WEKZ on February 10th in regards to the trail survey. Mr. Guth will be also be meeting with Green County Tourism in May 2013. The group is still waiting for the full printed report. The full printed report should be available by the spring of 2013.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. This discussion will include the possible addition of bridge repairs on the Cheese Country Trail: No Report – No project work will be done until the spring of 2013.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: There have been no issues reported to the trail coordinator.

Discussion and possible action on putting up a fence/barrier at the Bill Cowell Memorial in Green County adjacent to the CCT. There was a motion by Mr. Guth with a second by Ms. Lindholm to use the cement block barriers that belong to the CCT to be placed as a barrier at the Bill Cowell Memorial in Green County adjacent to the CCT. Voice vote,

motion carried. The barriers will be placed in the spring of 2013. The Green County ATV Club and the Tri County ATV club will work together to get the project completed.

Discussion and possible action on concealed carry rule for the CCT. Deb shared with the committee an email inquiry that she had received in regards to the concealed carry rule for the CCT. After discussion it was decided that there will be no special restrictions to concealed carry on the CCT. The users should follow the state law as written.

Discussion and possible action -- creating job description for trail coordinator and recruitment of a coordinator: Deb reported to the committee that she and Paul McCarville had met and gone over the duties. She felt that the meeting went well and that she and Paul could work together on the duties. Deb reported that Paul was unable to attend the meeting tonight and had sent a message that he was withdrawing himself as a possible candidate for the position. Deb also reported that she received another message that Paul had changed his mind and now did want to be a candidate for the position. Paul does plan on attending the February meeting with a proposal to help Deb with the duties of the trail coordinator. There also was some discussion that Tom Jean of the Lafayette County Highway Department might show interest in taking over some of the duties as well. Tom will be invited to the February meeting. Mr. Guth made mention that possibly Noreen Ruckert of Green County might be interested in helping out with the website. Mr. Guth will contact Noreen and have further discussion with her. Noreen will also be invited to a future meeting. There were also some other names tossed around as possible contacts to help with the website maintenance.

Public comment: Rob McConnell of WATVA spoke to the group about the first weekend in June. This weekend is a free registration weekend on all DNR funded trails for promotional purposes. This year the weekend dates are June 1st and 2nd. He would like to see the local clubs work together to promote the CCT on this weekend in June 2013.

Trail Update: There was discussion about how the snowmobile clubs relay information to the trail coordinator and the trail users about trail conditions and trail closures thru the snow season. The line of communication so far this season has been poor. The clubs at the meeting tonight said they would all try to do a better job of getting information out to the users.

Mr. Wolfe had met with the Argyle snowmobile club earlier in the month. They have a good membership and are looking to get their snowmobile trail miles funded by the DNR.

The Black Hawk Riders snowmobile club would like to see more material placed on the CCT between Gratiot and South Wayne. Two areas in particular would be Sargent Rd to South Wayne and Hwy 78 to Gille Lane. There was discussion that if we continue to have a dry winter that there may be some snowmobile funds available at the end of the snow season for gravel.

There was discussion about the use of ATV/UTV use on the CCT during the snow season. ATV/UTV may operate on the CCT if there is less than 2 inches of snow and the high for the day is less than 28 degrees. When there are inquiries about ATV/UTV use

these 2 rules should be recited to the caller. Deb has this same message posted on the website.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report and reviewed with the committee for December 2012 and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried. Deb reported to the committee that the Lafayette County finance director has resigned her position.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5072 was presented for payment. Total of voucher #5072 is \$5999.17 Bills included; Bard Materials East \$1463.71, Ivey Construction \$324.27, Monroe Stateline Trail Blazers \$625.00 and T-Riders Snowmobile Club \$3586.19 Motion, by Mr. Wolfe, second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013 in Green County at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe, WI.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wiegel to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.